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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated November 26, 2003 finally rejecting Claims 1-11 and 15-21 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on October 29, 2003 for one month(s).
2. A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in triplicate.
3. A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
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